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Teacher pupil ratio in schools

2933 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the teacher-pupil ratio at the primary, secondary, and higher secondary levels across the country during last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the initiatives taken by Government to improve the teacher-pupil ratio, especially in rural and underprivileged areas;
- (c) the details of the status of recruitment drives for teachers under various Government education schemes;
- (d) whether any incentives are being provided to encourage teachers to work in underdeveloped regions of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government is considering to introduce flexible working models for teachers to encourage more recruitment in underserved areas, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) : The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+, Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) at the primary, secondary, and higher secondary levels across the country during 2019-20 to 2023-24 is as under:

PTR All India					
Level of Education	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Primary	26	26	26	23	21
Secondary	18	18	17	17	16
Higher Secondary	26	26	27	26	24

(b) to (e): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. Therefore, regulation, maintenance and supervision of school as well as service terms and conditions of teachers come under the purview of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. Under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides funds to State/UT Government in lump sum. The States/UTs further release the funds to District, Block and Government Schools based on the approvals for implementation of the interventions provided under the Samagra Shiksha. The recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs. Advisories to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) have also been issued to States and UTs from time to time. Further, the Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides financial assistance to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling.
